SUBJECT No. 104.

Increase of freeships and scholarships.

(*a*) Messrs. Dana Setti, Dodballapur taluk and H. Srikantiah, Dodballapur municipality; and

(*b*) and (*c*) Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan, Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The percentage of freeships in English schools may be raised from 20 to 30.

(*b*) To help the spread of technical education among the members of the Mahomedan community who have a special aptitude for the same, scholarships may be granted to Mahomedan youths in the different Technical Institutions recently opened.

(*c*) As the present number of Hindustani schools teaching up to the Lower Secondary standard exceeds twice the original number, the number of scholarships for Hindustani pupil teachers may also be increased.

Inspector-General of Education.—There are more trained Hindustani teachers than are required for the existing schools. Therefore the number of stipends for Hindustani teachers in the Normal school have been reduced.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) There are more free studentships in this State than in British India.

(*b*) Every encouragement will be given to eligible Mahomedan applicants. But no reservation in favour of a single community is possible.

(*c*) Will be investigated.

SUBJECT No. 105.

Admission to Sanskrit Colleges.

Messrs. B. Hanumappa, G. Rajappa and Siddavirappa, Bangalore City Municipal Council; and B. Basavaiya, Lingayat Education Fund Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that eligible students of all castes and creeds be ordered to be admitted, to the Government Sanskrit Colleges at Mysore and Bangalore and other Government Sanskrit schools in the State.

Mr. B. Basavaiya added that it was high time that religious and sectarian prejudices were done away with, and facilities afforded to all castes and creeds to study in the Sanskrit Colleges at Bangalore and Mysore.

Reply of Government.—The Sanskrit Colleges at Bangalore and Mysore are grant-in-aid institutions meant exclusively for Brahmins. If a sufficient number of non-Brahmin students offer themselves, arrangements will be made by the Inspector-General of Education for imparting instruction in Sanskrit.

SUBJECT No. 106.

Encouragement to students of backward classes to prosecute their studies.

Mr. Basavaiya, Lingayat Education Fund Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that students of educationally backward communities may be ordered to be admitted free into the schools and colleges in the State as a special incentive to educational development among them.

Mr. Basavaiya drew attention to the census table showing education by castes and pleaded for special facilities for backward classes.

Reply of Government.—A great deal is being done in this direction. The backward communities should also make special efforts.

Noted for consideration.